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THERE FOLLOWS A REPORT OF TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS HELD BY
THE CCG DELEGATES, THE FIRST THE MORNING OF MARCH 15
AND THE SECOND FOLLOWING THE FULL CCG SESSION MARCH 16.

I. ON MARCH 15, CCG CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT ASYG WOOTTON
HAD JUST TOLD HIM HE HAD ALWAYS OPPOSED THE CCG DELS'
PRIVATE MEETINGS, SINCE THERE SHOULD BE NO SECRETS
BETWEEN REPS OF SECSGEN AND DELEGATES, AND THAT HE
WANTED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE WITH
ONE ADVISOR, NATO DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, LOPPENTHEIN.
HE FELT THIS WOULD AID IN REACHING COMPROMISE DECISIONS.

A. ALL AGREED PRIVATE MEETINGS SHOULD DEFINITELY
CONTINUE, THAT SECSGEN'S POSITIONS SHOULD BE SHOWN IN
THEIR PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTED IF ASYG WISHED TO COME
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WHEN NO COMPROMISE APPEARED POSSIBLE IT WOULD BE AT
HIS INITIATIVE.

B. CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO ASYG THAT GROUP
NEEDED INSTRUCTIONS, BUT MIGHT MEET OCCASIONALLY WITH
HIM.

C. US REP DREW ON REF B, PARA 3, WHEN SUPPORTING CONTINUATION PRIVATE MEETINGS, BUT SAID WOULD REQUEST GUIDANCE ON ASYG'S OCCASIONAL ATTENDANCE.

D. DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED CONCERNING ASYG'S JOINING PRIVATE MEETING WHEN NO COMPROMISE REACHED ON A SECSGEN PROPOSAL.

II. ATTENDANCE OF STAFF ASSOCIATION (SA) REPS DURING FULL CCG MEETING:

DURING FEBRUARY CCG MEETING, SA REPS HAD CRITICIZED SOME CCG REPS WHO HAD PRESENTED THEIR GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. GENERAL DISCUSSION BEGAN ON HOW THEIR ATTENDANCE FOR THE FULL SESSION HAD EVOLVED AND WHETHER IT SHOULD CONTINUE. RECOMMENDATION MADE THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE AGAIN BE RESTRICTED ONLY TO SUBJECTS ON WHICH THEIR VIEWS MIGHT BE HELPFUL. THOSE SUBJECTS WOULD BE GROUPED LAST ON AGENDA, SO THAT SA REPS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE AFTER JOINING THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN WAS TO DISCUSS THIS ARRANGEMENT WITH ASYG. FYI: SA REPS DO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUPS, ALONG WITH REPS OF SECSGEN. (REF B, PARA 3).

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: AT RECOMMENDATION OF PARIS-BASED REPS, DISCUSSION WAS POSTPONED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWEDISH REP SAID IT WAS TOO LATE IN DAY TO BEGIN DISCUSSION, THAT ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN SHOULD NOT BE SEEN IN ISOLATION AS JUST A QUESTION OF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE SUBSTITUTING FOR THE CHAIRMAN, BUT SHOULD BE LINKED WITH QUESTION OF COORDINATION.

IV. COORDINATION: SOME REMARKS MADE DURING LONG DISCUSSION FOLLOW:

A. CHAIRMAN REPORTED BRIEFLY ON CONVERSATIONS HE HAD:

- OECD SYG DISCUSSED COORDINATION, MADE NO RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL MEET WITH CHAIRMAN AGAIN BEFORE APRIL MEETING OF FIVE SECSGEN.

- NATO SYG COMPLAINED HIS PERSONNEL WERE TREATED BADLY, COMPARING THEM WITH EC EMPLOYEES, AND GAVE IMPRESSION IF TOO MANY THINGS (NOT IDENTIFIED) DONE IN OECD, NATO MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM COORDINATION TO FOLLOW EC.

- OECD ASYG WISHED TO CHANGE CCG VOTING PROCEDURE,

SO THAT A MAJORITY VOTE WOULD REPRESENT THE COMMITTEE.
COMPLAINED CCG VOTED AS THE COUNCILS, UNANIMOUS
DECISION.

- CHAIRMAN HAD SPOKEN WITH SEVERAL PERMREPS, SOME OF
WHOM COMPLAINED ABOUT CCG, BUT WITHOUT IDENTIFYING A
SPECIFIC PROBLEM OR MEANS TO RESOLVE IT.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. NO COORDINATION PROBLEM WHILE COMMITTEE SAID "YES"
TO SECSGEN, BUT WHEN IT BEGAN SAYING "NO" AND DID NOT

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PROBLEM AROSE.

2. SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE FOLLOWING
COORDINATED PROCEDURES OF CCG, WISH TO JOIN CCG, BUT
FIVE SECSGEN ARE OPPOSED.

3. PROBLEM OF COORDINATION EXISTS AMONG FIVE SECSGEN
THEMSELVES.

4. WISEMEN PROPOSAL TEMPORARILY PUT ASIDE TO SEE WHAT
CCG WILL DO.

5. ATMOSPHERE HAS CHANGED WITH NEW CHAIRMAN, AND
PROBLEMS MIGHT NOT BE SO SHARP.

6. ADVANTAGES OF CCG COMMITTEE ARE ITS LACK OF RULES
AND ITS FLEXIBILITY. THIS FLEXIBILITY PERMITS IT TO

CONDUCT ITS OWN INTERNAL REVIEW, IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS
AND RECOMMENDING CORRECTIVE MEASURES.

C. INTERNAL REVIEW:

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- CHAIRMAN REQUESTED VOLUNTEERS FOR TWO INFORMAL STUDY
GROUPS, ONE IN BRUSSELS AND THE OTHER IN PARIS, TO
STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE CCG - PRESENT PROCEDURES,
PROBLEMS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, ETC.
NATO-BASED PERSONNEL VOLUNTEERED IMMEDIATELY.

- SWEDISH REP NOTED THAT AN OECD REP WHO HAD DUAL
RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVING BOTH ON CCG AND IN OECD COUNCIL
FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO COMBINE THE TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL
ASPECTS OF THESE DUTIES. ITALIAN REP FELT THIS SHOULD
PRESENT NO PROBLEM, SINCE SAME INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE
RECEIVED FOR BOTH GROUPS. PARIS-BASED STUDY GROUP THEN
FORMED.

V. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PARAGRAPH I-D AND SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR
PARAGRAPHS II THROUGH IV, IN ADDITION TO THOSE
CONTAINED IN REF B, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.BENNETT

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